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TOPIC Erfurt-Bindersleben Airfield

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REFERENCES

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Paragraphs 1-3 furnish additional information

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1. There was no flying at the Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield on 22 June 1952. MiG-15 aircraft were parked at the southern edge of the installation. After 9:45 a.m. on 23 June, MiG-15s practiced flying in groups of two. The planes circled once over the field and then landed in rapid succession.

2. A radio installation with two masts was seen outside the field near its southeastern border. Each of the masts was braced by three wires. The two masts, which were set up in an east-west direction, were interconnected by an antenna from which a lead-in extended to a tent. (1) Work on the laying of steel mats was started in the eastern portion of the installation. (2)

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3. [redacted] at Bindersleben, which is located near the field, the inn was to be converted into a clubhouse for Soviet officers. One of the officers' houses quartered MVD personnel. Four or five men wearing green bands around their caps, green epaulets and red arm bands were seen there. It appeared noteworthy that all the officers seen at the field wore black-bordered blue epaulets and rode bicycles. No sedans were observed. Five tank trucks painted green in addition to 8 to 10 trucks were seen at the installation near the parked aircraft on 22 June.

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4. Six MiG-15s were observed parked at the southern edge of the field between 5:20 and 8:55 a.m. on 24 June. No other aircraft were seen at the installation. There was no flying. A PKV-45 DF station was located at the southeastern edge of the field. (3) Nine large white containers were observed in the southeastern portion of the installation. [redacted]

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(4) A 37-mm AA gun was emplaced in the northeastern corner of the field. The gun, of which only the barrel was seen, was covered with a tarpaulin. Eight large tents arranged in a semicircle were located near the AA emplacement. At 6:30 a.m., 20 soldiers were observed doing callisthenics near those tents. (5) Truck [redacted] was seen in front of a dwelling house occupied by Russians.

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Comment.

(1) For location of the radio installation with two masts, probably a landing beacon, see Annex.

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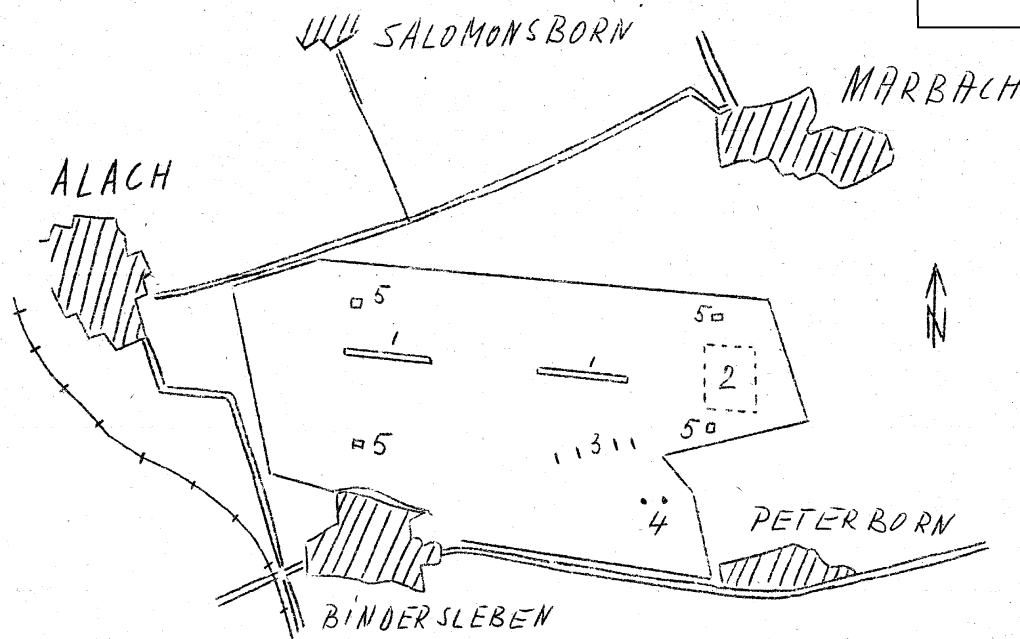
- (2) For site on which the steel mats were piled, see Annex. It is believed that an auxiliary runway with a maximum width of 30 meters is being built there.
- (3) Efforts have been initiated to clarify whether only one radio station with two masts as reported in paragraph 2 of the present report or in addition a DF station are available at the installation.
- (4) The fuel tanks were observed for the first time.
- (5) The presence at the field of this AA gun is reported for the first time.

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Annex

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Legend:

- 1 Old stretches of runway
- 2 Site covered with steel plates
- 3 Four parked MiG-15s
- 4 Radio installation with two masts
- 5 Pile of steel plates

scale 1:25,000

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